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TAGS: CASC, GR (KOUNTZE, MARY AND NEELY)

SUBJECT: MARY AND NEELY KOUNTZE

FOR MR. BALNTON, SCS

REF: STATE 162104 AND PREVIOUS

1. CONOFF VISITED KOUNTZES THIS MORNING, BOTH RESTING WELL AND IN GOOD SPIRITS. WISH TRAVEL TOGETHER MONDAY JULY 29 TO NEW YORK VIA OLYMPIC AIRWAYS FLIGHT 411 DEPARTING 1215 HOURS, ARRIVING 1630 HOURS LOCAL TIME. RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED.

2. SUBSTANCE PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL CORRECT. BOTH SUBJECTS MUST REPEAT MUST TRAVEL ON STRETCHERS. TWA REFUSES CARRY TWO STRETCHER CASES ON ONE AIRCRAFT SO RECOMMEND STICK WITH OLYMPIC. OLYMPIC REPORTS RECEIVING TREMENDOUS PRESSURE AT NEW YORK OFFICE FOR EARLIER FLIGHT, BUT REGRETS EARLIEST DEPARTURE REMAINS MONDAY. PREPAID TICKETS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

3. DOCTOR REPORTS NUMBNESS BEING EXPERIENCED BY NEELY IS NORMAL FOR SUCH INJURIES AND IS NOT REPEAT NOT BEING CAUSED BY CAST. DOCTOR RECOMMENDED NEELY REMAIN ATHENS FOR AN ADDITIONAL FOUR WEEKS, BUT AGREED SIGN FORMS INDICATING SUBJECTS COULD TRAVEL DUE THEIR STRONG WISH RETURN HOME ASAP. DOCTOR STATES PROPER TREATMENT IS IMMOBILIZATION AND PHYSICAL THERAPY IN NEELY'S CASE, OBSERVATION AND BED REST IN MARY'S CASE. HE DOES NOT RECOMMEND REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF CAST THIS WEEKEND.

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4. EMBASSY WILL TAKE CARE OF PAYING DOCTOR AND HOSPITAL

BILLS USING SUBJECTS' LETTER OF CREDIT AND TRAVELLERS CHECKS
OR BY GUARANTEEING LATER PAYMENT THROUGH SCS TRUST FUND
US AIR FORCE PROVIDING AMBULANCE TRANSPORTATION FROM HOSPITAL
TO AIRCRAFT.

5. EMBASSY REGRETS CONFUSION IN CASE CAUSED IN PART BY
LOCAL AGENT ACTING ON OWN WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY.
EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES DEPARTMENT REASSURE FAMILY THAT MARY
AND NEELY ARE BEING WELL TAKEN CARE OF, THAT THEY ARE
RESTING COMFORTABLY, AND THAT DOCTOR IS GIVING PROPER CARE.
EMBASSY WILL FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE
DUE TIME ELEMENT TO CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS NOW MADE. REMIND
FAMILY, WHITE HOUSE, AND SENATOR HRUSKA, THAT AMBULANCE,
NURSE, TICKETS, RESERVATIONS, STRETCHERS ETC., NOW ALL SET
FOR MONDAY AND OLYMPIC ACTING ON THIS ASSUMPTION.

6. NEELY'S FATHER NOW CAN BE LOCATED AT CAPE COD,
TELEPHONE 617 - 428-8648.
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